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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated November 19, 2009, which indicated that the Amendment filed on November 11, 2009 was entered, and the Final Official Action dated July 8, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 8, 2009, which has previously been extended by a two-month Request for Extension of Time set to expire on December 8, 2009, the present Response being submitted concurrent with a Request for Continued Examination, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Final Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.